THE FIGVRE OF *FOVRE:*

Wherein are ſweet flowers, gathered out of that fruitfull ground, that I hope will yeeld pleaſure and profit to all ſorts of people. *N. Breton.*

The ſecond Part.

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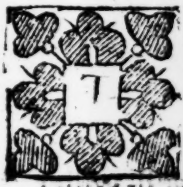

His little fruit of no little labour, gathered together, and bound vp in this little paper, for the better vse of them, that can and will consider of the nature of euery one in his right kind, I kindly commit to your acceptations, assuring my selfe that being free from taxing of any, and far from abuse, but of abusers : hoping that some will receiue good in the memory of what they reade, and no Horse will kicke except

his backe bee galled; I leaue it to the wide world to take such fortune as will fall out. And so, loth to make a long Supper of a little meat, wishing you to take the best and leave the worst, and breake none of the pate, I rest,

Your well-willer
in a greater matter,

N. B.

THE SECOND Part of the Figure of Foure

1 THere are foure things greatly to bee taken heed of: a Flye in the eye, a bone in the throat, a dog at the heele, and a theefe in the house.

2 There are foure bitter things that are used but for necessity: Rubard Gall, worme wood, and a dogged wife.

3 There are foure grievous lacks to a great many in the world: lacke of health, lacke of wealth, lacke of wit, & lacke of honesty.

4 There bee foure especiall poore Schollers in the world: Petty-foggers Quacksalvers, Ballad-makers, and A.B.C. Schoole-masters.

5 There are foure things ill to bee proud of: a painted face, a patcht body, a pide coat, and a paltry wit.

6 There are foure things faire at the first sight: new books, fat horses, fresh colours, and slickt faces.

7 There are foure strange men in the world: they that make a god of their gold, an angell of the devill, a paradise of their pleasure, and glory of their pride.

8 There are foure notes of an excellent wit: to learne that which is good, to labour for that which is necessary, to foresee a mischiefe, and to forget that which cannot be recovered.

9 There be foure jests of wit: to hope for dead mens goods, to trust to the word of a bankrupt, to be in loue with a lewd Quoane, and to tel newes after a Carrier.

10 There

10 There be foure things very uncomfortable: to lye in bed and cannot ſleepe, to ſit at meat and have no ſtomacke, to ſee muſicke and cannot heare it, and to want mony and cannot come to it.

11 There are foure perſons not to be beleeved: a horſe-courſer when he ſweares, a whore when ſhee weepes, a lawyer when he pleads falſe, and a traveller, when he tels wonders.

12 There are foure perſons not to be truſted: a foole, a flatterer, an Atheiſt, and an enemy.

13 There are foure ill houſes to goe into: a ſmokie houſe, a rotten houſe, a lowſie houſe, and a bawdy houſe.

14 There are foure things very hurtfull for the ſtomacke: raw fleſh, ſtale fiſh, muſty bread, and ſowre drinke.

15 There are foure ſilly fooles in the world: hee that followes a ſhaddow, ſtarts a flea, drowns an Eele, and makes love to a picture.

16 There are foure great trials of wit:

to

to chuſe a friend and keepe him, to conceale adverſity with patience, to bee thrifty without couetouſneſſe, and to liue out of the feare of the Law.

17 There are foure ſuſpitions of a perfect wit: to truſt unfaithfullneſſe, to ſhew unthankfulneſſe, to aduance unworthineſſe, and to nouriſh wickednesſe.

18 There are foure great Cyphers in the world: hee that is lame among dancers, dumbe among Lawyers, dull among Schollers, and rude amongſt Courtiers.

19 Foure kinds of men may be well ſpared: a ſwaggerer among ciuill people, a theefe among true men, an Atheiſt among the religious, and a Jew among Chriſtians.

20 Foure ſorts of people are very troubleſome: fooles among wiſemen, borrowers among rich men, cowards among ſouldiers, and beggars amongſt Courtiers.

21 There are foure wicked kinds of ſcoffers:

ſcoffers: they that ſcoffe at the honeſt, at the wiſe, at the learned, or at the poore.

22 There be foure knaves much dealt withall in the world: the Knave of Clubs, the Knave of Harts, the Knave of Spades, and the Knave of Diamonds.

23 There are foure baſe profeſſions: a Wittall, a Cuckold, a Bawd, and a Begger.

24 There are foure cloſe-catchers in the world: a Rat-catcher, a Moule-catcher, a Foole-catcher, and a Cony-catcher.

25 There are foure chiefe lights: the light of Senſe, the light of Reaſon, the light of Grace, and the light of Glory.

26 There are foure ſundry kindes of Loues: the love of God, the love of men, the love of women, and the love of children.

27 Foure kinds of men hatefull in a Common-wealth: a Paraſite, an Hypocrite, a Mutiner, and a Murtherer.

28 Foure

28 Foure idle kindes of exerciſe: riming, riding, raging, and running on errands.

29 There are foure great ſokers of a mans eſtate: long ſickneſſe, a coſtly wife, a ſleepie eye, and a proud prodigall ſpirit.

30 There are foure ill wayes for a theefe: the way to the priſon, the way to the Iudge, the way to the Gallowes and the way to hell.

31 There are foure things foolhſhly proud: a Peacocke that is proud of his taile, for he muſt molt it once every yeare; an Hart that is proud of his hornes, for he muſt mew them once a yeare, a Cuckoe that is proud of her note, for ſhe ſings but once a yeare; and an Oake that is proud of his leafe, for it fals once a yeare.

32 There are foure terrible ſounds in the world: the report of a Cannon, a clap of thunder, the doome of a Iudge, and the ſcolding of a ſhrewd woman.

33 There

33 There are foure naturall skippers: a Flea, a Frog, a Grashopper, and a Cat.

34 There are foure chiefe smellers: Deere, Dogs, Ravens, and Smell-feasts.

35 There are foure things seldome seene: a begger to grow rich, an Usurer to grow bountifull, a foole to grow wise, and a baggage to become honest.

36 There are foure creatures of more charge than profit: Parrats, Monkies, fyting dogs and sidling wenches.

37 Foure pitifull objects to a good eye: a wise man distracted, a City ruined, a ship on fire, and an Armie defeated.

38 Foure kindes of fine fooles: hee that thinkes himselfe wise and is not, he that spends all to be thought bountifull, he that pines himselfe to leave to another, and he that beleeves a Queans love.

39 There bee foure things of much strength

strength in the world: love with the religious, for it upholds the soule; health with the laborious, for it upholds the body; learning with the studious, for it upholds the wit; and parience with the gracious, for it upholds the spirit.

40 Foure excellent vertues in a Virgin: Silence, Humility Constancie, and Devotion.

41 Foure great blessings to a wife a modest eye, a kind spirit, a painefu'l hand, and a true heart.

42 Foure notes of a divine nature: to regard him whome the world scorneth to love him whom the world hateth, to help him whom the world hurteth, and to advance him whom the world overthroweth.

43 There are foure chiefe notes of a good huswife: early rising, close gathering, safe keeping, and well bestowing.

44 There are foure things goe commonly together: a fleeting face, a leering

ring eye, a flatering tongue, and a falſe heart.

45 There are foure fearefull Judgements: ſudden madneſſe, ſudden warre, ſudden ruine, and ſudden death.

46 Foure kindes of Vermine doe very much hurt where they come: Mice among cheeſe, Weezels among Conies Moules among Gardens, and Whoores among Gallants.

47 Foure things are tedious to many good mindes: a long tale, a long winter, a long faſting, and a long voyage.

48 Foure things weary out a good minde: imployment without reward, oppreſſions without releeſe, cruell creditors, and importunate beggers.

49 Foure things to be taken heed of: an intruding friend, a flattering ſervant a wanton wife, and a wicked neighbour.

50 There be foure chiefe horſes for ſervice: the courſer for the ſouldier, the Hackney for the poſt, the Cart-

horſe

horse for the Farmer, and the Hobbi-horse for the Morris-dance.

51 Foure men to be banished all good company: a lyer, a swearer, a quareller and a tale-teller.

52 Foure kindes of women much set a worke: a mid-wife, a milke-maid, a market-woman, and a meale-woman.

53 Foure kinds of cleanly wenches: a dairy wench, a shop wench, a needle wench, and a starch wench.

54 Foure kinds of black men: a Moore, a Collier, a Smith, and a Scullion.

55 Foure white women: the Lady White, Mistris White, Good-wife White, and Widdow White.

56 Foure high things to looke upon: a high man, a high Constable, a high Steeple, and a high May-pole.

57 Foure needfull eyes in a Taverne: an eye to the guest, an eye to the plate, an eye to the score, and an eye to the doore.

58 Foure things goe through many things: wit, art, experience, and mony.

59 Foure

59 Foure dayes welcome to Schollers: Christmas day, Shrove-tuesday, Easter-day, and Whitsunday.

60 Foure kindes of men not to bee stood against: Princes and Potentates, Judges and Generals.

61 Foure things grievously empty: a head without braines, a wit without judgement, a heart without honesty, and a purse without money.

62 Foure diseases hardly to be cured: the gout in an old man, the green-sickenesse in a woman, the farcie in an old horse, and the rot in a sheep.

63 Foure chiefe comforts to the sense of nature: health, liberty, mirth, and money.

64 Foure chiefe nuts in the world the Chest-nut, the Wall-nut, the Smal-nut, and the soft nut.

65 Foure chiefe musicall birds: the Nightingale, the Larke, the Linnet, and the Robbin-red-brest.

66 Foure fine little labourers: the Bee, the Ant, the Silke-worme, and Spider.

67 Foure kindes of beaſtly men in the world: a glutton, a drunkard, a lecher, and a bawd.

68 Foure kindes of theeves worthy to be hanged: horſe-ſtealers, cut-purſes houſe-breakers, and pick-pockers.

69 Foure things good in a gooſe: her quils for pens, her feathers for pillowes, her fleſh for the diſh, and her greaſe for the ache.

70 Foure exellent medicines for many diſeaſes: abſtinence, exerciſe, mirth and patience.

71 Foure things ill for a Carrier; leane horſe, hard fare, foule weather, and foggy women.

72 Foure great in-liers; a woman that lies in child-bed, a knave that lies in wait, a whore that lies in a ſweat, and a mad-man that lies in Bedlam.

73 Foure preſent eaſes for foure great paines: to ſcratch for the itch, to breake wind for the collick; to piſſe for the ſtone, and to ſweat for the cold.

74 There are foure kindes of ugly

objects: a ſcabbie Iade, a mangy dog, a lowſie knave, and a pockie whore.

75 Foure chiefe Doves in the world: the Turtle-dove, the Wood-dove, the Ring dove, and the Houſe-dove.

76 Foure perilous ſnares to fall into: the ſnare of an Uſurer, the ſnare of a lewd woman, the ſnare of a flatterer, and the ſnare of the Devill.

77 Foure ſtrange ſports: to ſee a Beare hunt a wild ducke, an Ape kiſſe an Owle, a Gooſe bite a Fox, and a Squirrell hunt a Coney.

78 Foure ſweet Trades in a Citie: Sugar-men, Comfit-makers, Perfumers and Noſe-gay-makers.

79 Foure ſpeedie paſſengers in the world: a bird thorow the aire, a ſhip thorow the ſea, a word from the mouth and a thought from the minde.

80 Foure round walkers in the world a wheele, a ſpindle, a bowle, and a mil-ſtone.

81 Foure tokens of foule weather: aches in the lunbs, ſleepineſſe in the

head, ſweating of ſtones, and darkenes of weather.

82 Foure tokens of faire weather: when the Robbin-red-breſt ſings early, when the Bee workes earneſtly, when the Spider keepes home, and the Swallow flies merrily.

83 Foure creatures are great ſpoylers where they come: Hogs among peaſe, Deere among corne, Cats among milk-pans, and Whales among Herrings.

84 Foure Kings without Kingdomes: the King of Man, the King of Portugall, a King in a play, and a painted King.

85 Foure ſtrange things to be deciphered: a man and no man, threw a ſtone and no ſtone, at a bird and no bird, in a tree and no tree.

86 Foure interpretations of theſe foure things: a man and no man was an Eunuch, and therefore no man: the ſtone was a pumice, the bird was a Bat, and the tree was an Eldertree.

87 Foure hard dayes in the yeare: Good-friday for Schollers, for then they

they fast: Ash-wednesday for Papists, for then they must be whipt; rent-day for poore folks, for then they must pay their Land-lords; and the Execution-day for Theeves, for then they must be hanged.

88 Foure thing: much talkt of, and little found: Wisedome, Vertue, Honesty, and Conscience.

89 Foure creatures goe willingly to their businesse: a Bride to Church, a boy to breckfast, an heire to his land, and a swee-heart to his loue.

90 Foure things are soone out: a candle out of his light, a foole out of his tale, an eye out of his sight, and a prodigall out of his patrimony.

91 Foure things ill for the earth: a winters thunder, a summers frost, a long drought, and a sudden floud.

92 Foure things pretily described: a whore by her leering, a setter by his peering, a parasite by his fleering, and an epicure by his cheering.

93 Foure vile things in nature: to be

unkinde to a wife, unnaturall to a child untrue to a Master, unthankfull unto a friend.

94 Foure offenders not to be pardoned: he that will not be admonished, he that will outface a lye, he that will not amend, and he that delights in his wickednesse.

95 Foure costly spots in the world: the spots on the cards, the spots on the dice, the spots on embroyderies, and the spots on ill tongues.

96 Foure men needfull in an armie: a good Commander, a good Scout, a good Sentinell, and a good Gunner.

97 Foure things chiefly necessary in peace: a good King, a good Counsell, a good soile, and good Subjects.

98 Foure ill things in Musicke: to play out of time, or out of tune, false strings, and bad instruments.

99 Foure things good aboue all: God, his Word, his grace, and Glory.

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